## **REMARKS**

Claims 1–9, 13 and 14 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 13 and 14 are hereby amended and claims 4 and 8 are cancelled. In the instant Preliminary Amendment it will be appreciated that claim 1, as amended, has an insulator film that extends through the first portion of the elastic member, the space between the first and second planes, and the second portion of the elastic supporter. The first and second contacts are arranged via the insulator film on the first portion of the elastic member and on the second portions of the elastic supporter, respectively. This means that the wires have particular portions which extend between the first and second portions and, therefore, are substantially surrounded by the metal housing. Therefore, the particular portions are prevented from being subjected to an electromagnetic wave. Namely, an electromagnetic interference is suppressed in the connector of the amended claim 1.

Neither of Peltier and Howell disclose nor suggest to use an insulator film having a part which extends through an inside of a meta housing and is formed with wires thereon connected to electrical contacts formed on the insulator film.

This application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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